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NEBRASKA CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., January 30, 2004 - All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2004, in Nebraska totaled 6.25 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

All cows on hand January 1, at 1.91 million head, were 4 percent below last year. The 2003 calf crop totaled 1.77 million head, down 3 percent from 2002. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 2.45 million head up 7 percent from last year.

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2004, totaled 94.9 million head, 1 percent below the 96.1 million on January 1, 2003.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.9 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2003. The 2003 calf crop was estimated at 37.9 million head, down 1 percent from 2002. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 were 13.8 million head up 4 percent from last year.

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